

MINUTES
BOARD OF EXAMINERS
BAIL ENFORCEMENT AGENTS
MEETING
THURSDAY
AUGUST 30, 2018
10:00 A.M.
150 MARTIN L. KING, JR. BOULEVARD, SOUTH
TATNALL BUILDING
ROOM 112
DOVER, DE

I. Call To Order

Major Zebley called the meeting to order at 1010 hours and subsequently turned the meeting over to Ms. Anderson. The meeting is being recorded and will be maintained by the Professional Licensing Section.

Introductions were made around the table for the newest Board Member, Mr. Kevin Hamilton.

The following members of the Board of Examiners were in attendance:

Major Melissa A. Zebley
Director John Yeomans
Ms. Robin David
Mr. Michael J. Dellose
Mr. Kevin C. Hamilton

The following member of the Board of Examiners was in attendance – non-voting:

Chief Robert Kracyla – non-voting

The following members of the Board of Examiners were absent:

Alexander W. Funk, Esquire
Mr. Jack McGhee, II
Mr. Brandon Habron
Mr. Harry O. Jennings

The following staff members were in attendance:

Victoria W. Counihan, Esquire
Sergeant Dana M. Berry
Ms. Peggy L. Anderson
Mr. Christopher J. Scott

The following staff members were absent:

Captain S. Benjamin Parsons
Lieutenant Kerry B. Reinbold
Mr. Michael Terranova – DTCC Representative

The following guests were in attendance:

None in attendance

II. Review and Acceptance of Minutes

A. May 17, 2018

Mr. Dellose, with a second by Ms. David, made a motion to approve the minutes from 05/17/18 as presented. The motion was carried.

III. Rule 2.0 Badges, Patches, Advertisements

A. Connor J. Hotchkiss

Mr. Dellose, with a second by Director Yeomans, made a motion to approve the ballistic vest/outer most garment for Mr. Hotchkiss, as presented. The motion was carried.

B. Samuel Lee

Major Zebley, with a second by Director Yeomans, made a motion to approve the ballistic vest/outer most garment for Mr. Lee, as presented. The motion was carried.

Chief Kracyla asked why the Board needed to approve something that is specifically required in Rule 2.0, when there is no doubt that it meets the requirements, does it still need to be brought before the Board for approval? Ms. Anderson read the section in the rule that requires all Rule 2.0 items be brought before the Board for approval.

After discussion, it was determined that Professional Licensing would review the rule and bring a recommended amendment to the next Board meeting.

IV. Rules & Regulations

A. Rule 5.0 Baton, Inflammatory Agent Sprays, Chemical Sprays and Handcuffs

1. Final Publication

Ms. Anderson informed the Board that Rule 5.0 has been through the first publication without any public comment, and therefore is now ready for final publication.

Major Zebley, with a second by Ms. David, made a motion to approve Rule 5.0 for Final Publication. The motion was carried.

V. Initial Classroom Training/Continuing Education
A. Initial Classroom Training

Ms. Anderson informed the Board that she has received several requests, via phone & email, asking if there will be another Initial Classroom Training before August 2019. There normally is not one as it has not normally been cost feasible for DTCC to have a second class. Major Zebley asked that she keep a tally of those interested for the possibility of having an additional class earlier in 2019.

Ms. Anderson presented the stats for the 08/01/18 class – there were 14 in attendance and six have completed their licensing so far. She stated that this was a very good class, with excellent questions and participation.

Chief Kracyla commented on the class also, that they were very interactive and they came away with a great foundation for them to start working in Delaware. The out-of-state individuals seem to be more vested into the industry than those from in-state.

B. Continuing Education

Ms. Anderson presented the facts on the 2018 Continuing Education as follows:

- Maximum of 25 per class – Chief Kracyla
- 08/08/18 – 16
- 09/19/18 – 25 Registered
- 31 left to take Con Ed
- One date of 10/03/18

Chief Kracyla likes to keep the class maximum to 25 for any hands-on instruction that is given during the day. Ms. Anderson is to bring the stats to the November 2018 meeting for determination regarding those that have not taken the continuing education class at that point. The class scheduled for 10/03/18 is to be opened for registration.

VI. Old Business

A. Professional Licensing

Professional Licensing did not have any Old Business at this time.

B. Board Members

The Board Members did not have any Old Business at this time.

C. Major

Major Zebley did not have any Old Business at this time.

VII. New Business

A. Professional Licensing

1. Flex Cuffs

Chief Kracyla informed the Board that the use of Flex Cuffs was brought up at the continuing education, mostly from the individuals from out-of-state. The current rules do not mention flex cuffs in any manner. Is this something that the Board or the Weapons & Force Committee should review?

Another topic brought up at the training, is the use of Drones for surveillance on individuals. Mr. Hamilton spoke that he does know of some BEA's that are using them to watch cars and houses. There are restrictions on the weight of them.

Discussion regarding the licensing of individuals using drones and any rules about their use. It is thought that the ones that the BEA's are asking about are the smaller ones similar to those sold at the Apple Store and not the ones where a pilot's license is needed.

Major Zebley stated that Sgt. Adam Ringle, Wilmington PD, an expert on Drones, be sought out for his advice on this matter.

The Board requested that the Weapons & Force Committee be re-convened, and invite Sgt. Ringle, DEMA Director A.J. Schall, and Lt. Hamm from DSP to join the committee. The matter of flex cuffs and Drones/Unmanned Ariel Vehicle (UAV) will be the main topics of discussion.

Major Zebley asked Ms. Anderson if the topic of Drones has ever come up in any other Board meetings. Ms. Anderson stated that it has not been discussed here in Delaware, however at the IASIR Conference she attends on behalf of DSP, there have been several speakers regarding them. It was asked if she would review her notes and bring any information she may have on them to the committee meeting.

B. Board Members

The Board Members did not have any New Business at this time.

C. Major

Major Zebley did not have any New Business at this time.

VIII. Public Comment (At the discretion of the Chair)

There was no public in attendance.

IX. Adjournment

A. Schedule Next Meeting

1. Thursday, November 15, 2018 @ 10:00am

Mr. Dellose, with a second by Major Zebley, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried. The meeting adjourned at 1046 hours.